NITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **PATENT** Application No. Date: March 28, 2002 #6 4/16/02 VShort 09/768,904 Lap Wai Chow, et al. Examiner: Nguyen, Joseph H. Applicant: Group Art Unit: 2815 Filed: January 24, 2001 Our Ref: B-3964 618029-8/RPB/RAS/KST TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800 For: "INTEGRATED CIRCUITS Re: RESPONSE PROTECTED AGAINST REVERSE **ENGINEERING AND METHOD FOR** FABRICATING THE SAME USING AN) APPARENT METAL CONTACT LINE **TERMINATING ON FIELD OXIDE"** LETTER TO THE PATENT OFFICE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Non Fee Amendment Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action of December 28, 2001, the Examiner objects to the drawings of the above referenced application. The Applicant hereby submits a photocopy of Figures 1(a), 2, and 3 with the proposed corrections shown in red ink. Please approve the proposed corrections. Upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance, the Applicant will present formal drawings including these corrections.

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Enclosures: Photocopies of Figures 1(a), 2, and 3